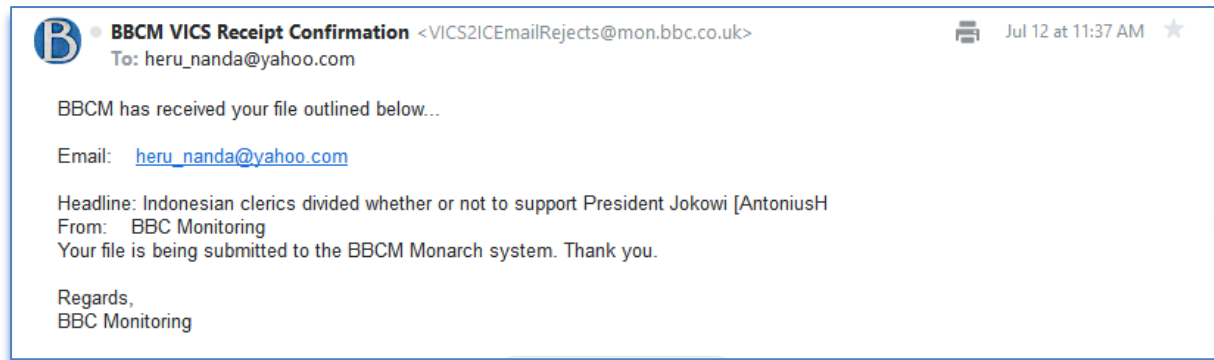


Indonesian Clerics Divided Whether or Not To Support President Jokowi



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An Indonesian important Islamic figure, who is also the governor of West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) province, Tuan Guru Bajang (TGB) Muhammad Zainul Majdi, has surprisingly stated that he supports President Jokowi's second term.

According to another radical important Islamic figure, cleric Abdul Somad (UAS), TGB's decision is very disappointing.

Mentioning that he did not mean to insult TGB, he said that Muslims should not be politicized by non-Muslims. In his [@ustadzabdulsomad](#), he wrote that Indonesian Muslims should wait for the response given by Habib Rizieq Shihab (HRS) who still stays in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Cleric Abdul concluded that TGB had prioritized his practical politics.

In the meantime, during a recent special interview on a private TV station, TGB explained that his decision was based on his own experience as a governor. He said that it took two terms for a governor (like him) to develop and establish his or her programmes [He did not mention about the one term of former Jakarta governor Ahok who was considered guilty of blasphemy].

Tuan also said that Jokowi would obviously need two terms to carry out his mission and vision, developing the very vast Indonesia.

Source: SKR/MAS, [hidayatullah/berita/nasional/read/2018/07/07/145474/ramai-diberitakan-tgb-dukung-jokowi-ini-pesan-uas.html](#), "Ramai Diberitakan TGB Dukung Jokowi, Ini Pesan UAS (Cleric Abdul's comment on TGB's decision to support Jokowi)", in Indonesian, July 18.

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